

**VERMONT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Capitol Plaza Conference Center, Governor's Ballroom, 100 State Street, Montpelier**  
**December 18, 2007**

*The State Board of Education shall sustain a vision of high skills, creative thinking, and love of knowledge and learning for every student by setting education policy that ensures student achievement in a safe and healthy learning environment.*

**Agenda\***

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<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/board/schedule.html#packet>

<b>Preliminaries</b>			
9:30 a.m.	<b>A</b>	Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance Tom James, Chair	
	<b>B</b>	Roll Call and Introductions Chair, Board members, others	
	<b>C</b>	Public to be Heard	
	<b>D</b>	Announcements, Board Member Updates Chair, Board Members	DISCUSS
	<b>E</b>	November Monthly Report Tom James, Chair	DISCUSS
	<b>F</b>	Commissioner's Update Richard Cate FY 09 Budget Development	DISCUSS
<b>Action Items</b>			
10:00 a.m.	<b>G**</b>	Consent Agenda	VOTE
	<b>H</b>	2007 Equal Educational Opportunity Act (EEOA) Report Richard Cate, Brian O'Regan, Bill Talbott	VOTE
10:25 a.m.		Break	
<b>Discussion Items</b>			
10:30 a.m.	<b>I</b>	SBE Focus Topic: School Quality Standards Richard Cate, Brian O'Regan, Gail Taylor	DISCUSS
	<b>J</b>	High/Low Spending Special Education Districts Karin Edwards, Margaret Schelley	DISCUSS
	<b>K</b>	Governance Report Richard Cate	DISCUSS

	<b>L</b>	Wrap Up and Future Agendas Richard Cate, Carol King	DISCUSS
	<b>M*</b>	<b>Executive Session</b> 16 VSA, Title 1, §313 (a)(3): Appointment or Evaluation of a Public Employee	DISCUSS
12:15 p.m.		Lunch (Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents)	
1:00 p.m.	<b>N</b>	<b>Discussion Items</b> (continued) Desired State Discussion with Superintendents <i>How Are the Children? A Step Toward the Transformation of Education in Vermont</i> Board Members, Richard Cate, Brian O'Regan	DISCUSS
3:15 p.m.		Break	
3:30 p.m.	<b>O</b>	Desired State Discussion with School Board Members <i>How Are the Children? A Step Toward the Transformation of Education in Vermont</i> Board Members, Richard Cate, Brian O'Regan	DISCUSS
5:30 p.m.		<b>Adjourn</b>	

\* Indications of time on the agenda are best estimates, and therefore may not reflect actual time an item is addressed. We will do our best to address items within the time indicated and extra effort will be made to adhere to the time indicated for public hearing and voting items.

\*\* With discussion.

\*\*\* If the discussion warrants and the Board so votes, this item may be held in Executive Session.

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If you wish any item to be removed  
for further discussion, please notify

Carol King (802) 828-5101 or

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## **Item G – Consent Agenda**

### **1. Minutes of November 20, 2007 SBE Meeting**

#### **2. a. Capital Construction (Cathy Hilgendorf; Bill Talbott)**

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
C-468	Swanton Town SD	\$24,000.00

#### **b. Milton Town SD (Milton ES) Variance Request and Emergency Award**

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
C-471	Milton Town SD	\$1,100,000.00

#### **c. FY 2008 Construction Annual Prioritized List and Capital Budget Request**

### **3. Union Institute and University Degree Granting Authority (Bob Lorenz)**